

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

NISHIOKA *et al.*

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Examiner: PARKER, KENNETH

Title: VARIABLE OPTICAL-PROPERTY ELEMENT AND OPTICAL APPARATUS  
INCLUDING THE SAME

May 19, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, please amend the above  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 44, 46 and 47 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 33, 37-43, 45, 48, 49, 54-57, 69-78 as follows:

33. (Amended) An optical apparatus comprising:  
an optical system for forming an object image, said optical system comprising a  
variable optical-property element;  
an image sensor constructed and arranged to image said object image; and  
an image processing device constructed and arranged to perform an image processing  
by using an image data obtained by said image sensor, said image processing device

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